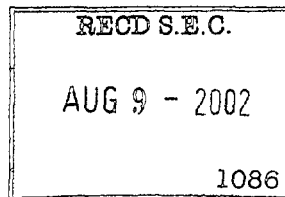




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TENDER OFFER/RIGHTS OFFERING NOTIFICATION FORM

(AMENDMENT NO. 18)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to file this Form:

- Securities Act Rule 801 (Rights Offering) ☐
- Securities Act Rule 802 (Exchange Offer) ☒
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- Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(c) (Third Party Tender Offer) ☐
- Exchange Act Rule 14e-2(d) (Subject Company Response) ☐

AurionGold Limited
(Name of Subject Company)

Australia
(Jurisdiction of Subject Company's Incorporation or Organization)

Placer Dome Inc.
(Name of Person(s) Furnishing Form)

Common Shares
(Title of Class of Subject Securities)

725906-1-01
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (if applicable))

J. Donald Rose
Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel
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(Name, Address (including zip code) and Telephone Number (including area code) of Person(s)
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Person Furnishing Form)

May 28, 2002
(Date Tender Offer/Rights Offering Commenced)

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PART I - INFORMATION SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS

Item 1. Home Jurisdiction Documents.

(a) On August 8, 2002, Placer Dome Asia Pacific Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Placer Dome Inc., lodged an Eighteenth Supplementary Bidder's Statement with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission.

(b) Not applicable.

Item 2. Information Legends.

A legend compliant with Rule 802(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, has been included in the Bidder's Statement and Offer of Placer Dome Asia Pacific Limited.

PART II - INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED TO BE SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS

(1) Not applicable.

(2) Not Applicable.

(3) Not Applicable.

PART III - CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

Placer Dome Inc. has previously filed with the SEC an Irrevocable Consent and Power of Attorney on Form F-X.

PART I – INFORMATION SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS

PLACER DOME ASIA PACIFIC LIMITED

EIGHTEENTH SUPPLEMENTARY BIDDER'S STATEMENT

This document is a supplementary bidder's statement to the Bidder's Statement dated 27 May 2002 ("**Original Statement**") by Placer Dome Asia Pacific Limited (ABN 80 050 284 967) ("**Bidder**") which was lodged at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 27 May 2002 in relation to the Bidder's offers ("**Offers**") for all of the ordinary shares ("**Shares**") in AurionGold Limited (ABN 60 008 560 978) ("**AurionGold**").

Previous supplementary bidder's statements by the Bidder relating to the Original Statement were lodged with ASIC on 27 May 2002, 7 June 2002, 11 June 2002, 17 June 2002, 24 June 2002, 26 June 2002, 27 June 2002, 4 July 2002, 10 July 2002, 12 July 2002, 25 July 2002, 29 July 2002, 30 July 2002, 31 July 2002, 2 August 2002, 6 August 2002 and 7 August 2002 ("**Previous Supplementary Bidder's Statements**"). This Eighteenth Supplementary Bidder's Statement should be read together with the Original Statement and Previous Supplementary Bidder's Statements. Unless the context requires otherwise, terms defined in the Original Statement and the Previous Supplementary Bidder's Statements have the same meaning in this Statement.

Placer Dome Inc. Press Release

Attached as Annexure A is a press release by Placer Dome. Inc in relation to the extension of the Offer from 7pm (Sydney time) on Wednesday 7 August 2002 until 6pm (Sydney time) Friday 16 August 2002.

Dated: 8 August 2002

SIGNED by **JOHN LONEY** on behalf of **PLACER DOME ASIA PACIFIC LIMITED** who is authorised to sign this Statement pursuant to a resolution passed by the directors of Placer Dome Asia Pacific Limited on 8 August 2002.



John Loney
Director

A copy of this Statement was lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 8 August 2002. ASIC does not take any responsibility for the contents of this Statement.

ANNEXURE A - PLACER DOME INC. PRESS RELEASE



PLACER DOME EXTENDS AURIONGOLD OFFER

Vancouver, Canada, August 7, 2002; Brisbane, Australia, August 8, 2002 —

Placer Dome Inc. ("Placer Dome") (TSX: PDG, NYSE: PDG, ASX: PDG) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Placer Dome Asia Pacific Limited, has extended the scheduled closing date of its offer for AurionGold Limited ("AurionGold") (the "Offer") to 6:00pm (AEST) on 16 August 2002.

Placer Dome now holds more than 26% of AurionGold's shares, making Placer Dome the company's largest shareholder. Given Placer Dome's new role as major shareholder and the growing number of acceptances over the last week, Placer Dome has extended its offer to provide AurionGold shareholders with further time to tender their shares. Placer Dome is offering AurionGold shareholders 17.5 Placer Dome shares for every 100 AurionGold shares and A\$0.35 cash per AurionGold share.

Placer Dome's offer is unconditional and capable of immediate acceptance. It is now scheduled to close at 6:00pm (AEST) on 16 August 2002.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE

Some of the statements contained in this news release are forward-looking statements, such as estimates and statements that describe Placer Dome's future plans, objectives or goals, including words to the effect that Placer Dome or management expects a stated condition or result to occur. Since forward-looking statements address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results relating to among other things, reserves, resources, results of exploration, capital costs and mine production costs could differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements by reason of factors such as the productivity of Placer Dome's mining properties, changes in general economic conditions and conditions in the financial markets, changes in demand and prices for the minerals Placer Dome produces, litigation, legislative, environmental and other judicial, regulatory, political and competitive developments in domestic and foreign areas in which Placer Dome operates, technological and operational difficulties encountered in connection with Placer Dome's mining activities, and labour relations matters and costs. "Placer Dome" is used in this news release to collectively mean Placer Dome Inc., its subsidiary companies and its proportionate share of joint ventures. "Placer Dome Group" or "Group" means collectively Placer Dome Inc., its subsidiary companies, its proportionate share of joint ventures and also companies for which it equity accounts. "Placer Dome Group's share" or the "Group's share" is defined to exclude minority shareholders' interest. The "Corporation" refers to Placer Dome Inc.

PART IV – SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

PLACER DOME INC.

By: /s/J. Donald Rose
Name: J. Donald Rose

Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary &
General Counsel

August 9, 2002